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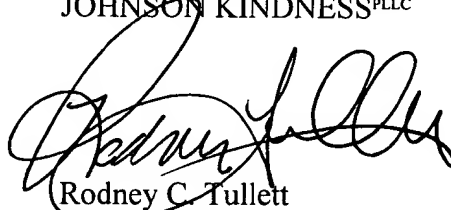
The present amendment is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 3, 2003, the period of response having been extended to February 3, 2004.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-28 were the subject of a four-way Restriction Requirement. In response, applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I without traverse. New Claims 29-46 are drawn to an implantable amplifying circuit of Group I. Applicant has canceled the remaining claims subject to the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in related applications.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the application, he is invited to call applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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